

SENATE RESOLUTION 88
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend successful businessman
and inventor John Galkiewicz.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to be the home of many successful businesses run
by creative entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, one such person is John Galkiewicz, head of the Galkie Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galkiewicz's exceptional leadership qualities were evident early in his
life when, as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, he saved the life of a fellow officer when
their plane was shot down; and

WHEREAS, he became the chief helicopter pilot for the Harbor Construction Company,
only to leave after admirably "blowing the whistle" when he discovered unfair practices in the
company; and

WHEREAS, wanting to find an easier way to play with his cat, Mr. Galkiewicz invented
the "Kitty Tease", a play stick; and

WHEREAS, at the suggestion of a friend, he patented the "Kitty Tease", visiting cat
shows across the United States and marketing the product; and

WHEREAS, the product found its niche in the market, as sales increased dramatically; it
is now sold in approximately 900 stores; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Galkiewicz's next invention was the ultimate pointer, a pointer that has been used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, prominent National Weather Service weatherman Bob Sheets and Judge Lance Ito at the first O. J. Simpson trial, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, his next creative venture resulted in the composition of two informative and highly regarded inventors' manuals; and

WHEREAS, as vice-president of Tennessee Inventors Association, he wrote the definitive guide for the novice inventor, *The Tennessee Inventors' Guide*, a guide which includes valuable sections on a wide variety of topics such as patents, marketing, sales, licensing to companies, and copyright and trade laws; and

WHEREAS, his excellent follow-up publication *An Inventor's Guide to Backyard Manufacturing*, covered such topics as packaging, hiring workers, wholesale sales and exporting; and

WHEREAS, since its inception the Galkie Company has remained a true cottage industry; from a converted garage behind the family home in Harrogate, Mr. Galkiewicz still lends a personal touch, manufacturing and packaging his products; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially acknowledge the many accomplishments of this prominent Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend John Galkiewicz and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.